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Not a Political Issue

THE announcement that the Democratic leaders will soon hold a "war conference" for the purpose of making the national defense plan of the administration a party issue confirms the belief of those who were confident that the Democratic politicians could not indefinitely resist the temptation to get in their car. There is nothing resembling a political issue in the President's performance of his plain duty along lines affecting the interests of the country in connection with the great European conflict. Any attempt to make it a plan in the party's platform, with or without the consent of the President, will undoubtedly alienate a large number of high-minded Democrats who take the consistent view that if the country needs protecting it must be protected by men of all political affiliations, and that no prospective soldier or sailor will be asked to what party he belongs.

If the President should either directly or indirectly countenance this palpable attempt to make campaign capital out of the situation now confronting the country he will lose a large share of the popularity his wise and non-partisan patriotism has thus far won for him. As a matter of fact, when the people think well of a man they usually magnify his good qualities beyond their true proportions—and vice versa. The President has done nothing but insist upon the exercise of ordinary prudence. To have done otherwise would have been to be false to the plainest obligations of his office. It has required no phenomenal statesmanship to steer the middle course through the troubled water that lies before the nation. Warnings have been numerous; the rocks have been always plainly in sight; the history of the past, the conditions of the present and the inevitable exigencies of the future have combined to make the way clear. The choice was either engulfment in the world strife or neutrality limited only by a due regard for the maintenance of the nation's rights and the defense of its honor.

The President has shown the necessary wisdom, which his political enemies will not discount by contrasting it too forcibly with the folly of an opposite course. For all this he deserves the thanks of the people, but it is going too far to say that he should have another presidential term for it—in the light of many other facts which are of vital consequence. He would display the worst possible taste and commit a fatal political blunder by seeking to hypothecate these good opinions for delegates next year because he "kept us out of war." The good impression he has made would be quickly forfeited if he should either demand or accept a reward for asking the people to protect themselves for the future.

Instead of a war conference of Democrats, real patriotism (to say nothing of statecraft) would suggest a conference of men of all political faiths, to discuss measures which are not only essentially non-partisan but which cannot be given a political significance without having both the wisdom and patriotism of the Democratic leaders proposing them seriously impugned. The votes which will authorize defense measures will be cast by Americans—not Democrats, Republicans or other partisans. The people to whom the final appeal must be made are simply Americans, not Americans divided along that issue into opposing political camps.

It is strange that even the traditionally short-sighted Democratic leaders cannot see the situation in its true light. If they do not get this view, they are due for a rather drastic disillusionment. For the people, saved from the effects of Democratic economic blunders only by the war, are in no frame of mind to countenance any and every demand made upon their votes merely because the President has refused to plunge the country into needless war and has told the people—that they must guard against possible danger in the future.

Another Corroboration

EVEN while under fire, the members of Sheriff Rose's police force cannot but exhibit the lack of discipline in the force and show their utter indifference of public opinion, the example for which comes from the sheriff, himself. A splendid example of the lawlessness of the police and the indifference towards their law-breaking on the part of the sheriff is furnished in the incident reported of a bar-room fight on Wednesday evening, four police officers taking prominent parts in the affair. These four, after their profanity and their drunken condition made it necessary for the bartender to forcibly eject them from the saloon in which they had gathered, continued their row on the public street, attracting so much attention that other policemen, with the patrol wagon, were called upon to take the men to the police station.

The men were not arrested, nor has the sheriff taken the least move towards disciplining them, although it cannot have escaped his attention that his officers were embroiled in this disgraceful exhibition.

Should Sheriff Rose plead ignorance of this affair, it will only be by pleading guilty to ignorance of his sworn duty and to the utter disorganization of the entire force. Certainly, if any attempt at efficiency is being made, the captain of the watch which brought the drunken officers to the police station should have notified his superior officer, the sheriff, of the incident.

China's Choice

CHINA is between the devil of revolution and the deep blue sea of foreign intervention. Even eliminating the danger of further Japanese aggression, the Peking authorities have nothing left but the choice between a certain revolution in South China against the monarchical idea, already under way, and a series of almost as certain revolutions between factions if the republic be continued. The Chinese leaders backing the idea of a constitutional monarchy are not so much desirous of having a king or an emperor as they are desirous of not seeing China plunged into the factional and fratricidal strife that has marked the course of events in Mexico, since Díaz the strong dropped out and a host of candidates for the presidency appeared, each at the head of an army.

If China adopts a constitution providing for the restoration of the monarchy, Sun Yat Sen and his millions of adherents in the south will seize the opportunity to resume their attacks upon the residents of North China, with the probability of splitting the nation in two and the possibility of Japan seizing the coveted Yangtse-kiang valley for a buffer state. If, on the other hand, the constitution provides for a republic, the constitutional election of the president must soon follow, with the practical certainty that for years to come there will be no peace amongst the factions and no one faction able to control all others. And, every internal disturbance invites outside interference, with Japan on the watch to seize the first opportunity of reiterating the demands of Group V and enforcing compliance with them.

The whole situation in the Orient is fraught with danger to the peace of the Pacific, not an immediate nor a pressing danger, but an ever-present one and one which cannot be overlooked. American interests in China must be safeguarded and those interests are more than likely to clash with the interests of others. Fortunately we have a man in the office of the secretary of state now.

To Whose Credit

PRIORITY in the discovery of the "preparedness" idea is claimed by the New York Sun for Congressman Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts and by Collier's Weekly for Colonel Roosevelt. The Advertiser is inclined to the belief that the idea originated with the Father of His Country and is expressed in his Farewell Address. The subject is really as old as the nation and the arguments used are as old; only the public attention which the matter is now receiving is new and the reason for this is the terrible lesson which the superior preparation of Germany is giving the world.

We believe that the Mr. Gardner is justly entitled to the everlasting indebtedness of the country for his activity in awakening others to a realization of our unpreparedness for defense and we heartily echo the sentiments of The New York Sun, which says:

"Let it not be forgotten that to the Hon. Augustus P. Gardner of the Sixth Massachusetts Congress district more than to any other one man is due the credit for the country's awakening to its pitiable plight in the matter of preparedness to meet military aggression. To be sure, there came the great war's revelation. Perhaps without them Mr. Gardner's voice would still be as that of one crying in the wilderness.

None the less, it is to his thoroughness of research, to his persistence and insistence in the face of official obstacles thrown in his way by methods not admirable, to his vigorous rejoinders to contemptuously patronizing comments from high quarters, now happily frankly converted to his views—it is to all this sincerity of purpose and unwavering conviction that the cause he was pleading was the cause of patriotism, urgent and imperative, that we are most heavily indebted for the public sentiment now so keenly alive to the fool's paradise of national security in which we were so complacently slumbering. The war no doubt furnished the object lesson, but it is thanks to the man from Massachusetts that we were sufficiently awake to be sitting up and taking notice when the ominous significance of that object lesson was spread before our eyes.

"The late Secretary Whitney is sometimes referred to as the father of what was once the new and is now the obsolete navy. With even greater justice may the Hon. Augustus P. Gardner be called the father of that newer and greater navy for which some of his former Washington opponents, now his enthusiastic converts and disciples, are at this moment preparing so satisfactory and so stirring a constructive program."

Statistics and Stowaways

GENERALIZING upon international relations on the basis of an interview with one stow-away is about as reliable as gathering crop statistics from a tramp who has been riding brakebeams across country. What might furnish a better indication of international cordiality are the official reports of mutual trade, inasmuch as nations that buy and sell in increasing quantities cannot be supposed to be particularly hostile or laboring under stress of national prejudice.

In the case of the United States and Australia, for instance, the latest report of the department of commerce at Washington shows that for the first seven months of the present year the total trade between Americans and Australians has grown appreciably over the corresponding seven months of 1914, before the war broke in its suddenness. The figures are: for the first seven months of 1914, \$26,433,169; for the seven months ending July 31, this year, the latest figures available, \$28,905,755.

Covering Up

THERE must be a great deal of the shiftless, the corrupt and the inefficient in the police department which has not yet come to light, inasmuch as Sheriff Rose, probably by way of covering things up, has given explicit orders to the members of his force that anyone giving any information on police matters to any representative of The Advertiser will render himself liable to suspension for insubordination. He has likewise officially informed The Advertiser that it will be told "not a damn thing" either by him or any of his men, and that no representative of this paper will be allowed access to any of the reports or confidential files of the department.

However, it is not necessary to have inside information to get a fair knowledge of police conditions. So long as the police officers get drunk and fight on the streets; so long as the sheriff, himself, indulges in street rows with chorus girl accompaniments—as he did in front of the Alexander Young Hotel not so very long ago; so long as open gambling continues and important prisoners "escape" from special "guards," it is immaterial whether one gets police station information or not. It is not ears alone that indicate the state of affairs at the police station. Anyone with a nose can guess at conditions there.

If President Yuan ever becomes emperor there will be little immediate danger of the line of succession being interrupted. Despatches yesterday announce the birth of his thirty-first child. The biographers are a trifle sketchy in relating President Yuan's private domestic affairs, but let it go by saying that he "has half a dozen or so wives of various degrees."

When Greek meets Greek then comes the talk of war.

Honolulu Wholesale Produce Market

Quotations
ISSUED BY THE TERRITORIAL MARKETING DIVISION
November 4, 1915.

BUTTER AND EGGS

Eggs scarce, demand good.
Island tub butter, lb. .28 to .30
Duck eggs, doz. .37
Eggs, Select Oahu, doz. .65
Eggs, No. 1 Island, doz. .60
Eggs, No. 2 Island, doz. .30 to .55

VEGETABLES

Beans, string, green, lb. .03
Beans, string, wax, lb. .04
Beans, Lima, in pod, lb. .03½
Beans, Dry—
Maui red, cwt. 5.00
Calico, cwt. 4.00
Small white, cwt. 5.00
Peas, dried, cwt. 3.75
Beets, doz bunches .30
Carrots, doz bunches .30
Cabbage, cwt. 3.00
Corn sweet, 100 ears, 1.50 to 2.25
Corn, Haw., sm. yel., 36 to 38.00
Corn, Haw., large yel. 32.00 to 36.00

FRUIT

Alligator pears, doz. 1.00 to 1.50
Bananas, Chinese bunch, 20 to 50
Bananas, cooking, bunch, 1.75 to 1.25
Breadfruit, doz. 40 to 60
Figs, 100 .85
Grapes, Isabella, lb. .07

LIVESTOCK

(Meat, cattle and sheep are not bought at live weight. They are taken by the meat companies dressed and paid for by weight dressed.)

DRESSED MEATS

Beef, lb. .08 to .12
Veal, lb. .12 to .13
Pork, lb. .15 to .17
HIDES (Wet salted)

FEED

The following are quotations on feed, f.o.b. Honolulu:
Corn, small yellow, ton. 41.00
Corn, large yel., ton. 40.00 to 41.00
Corn, cracked, ton. 41.75 to 42.00
Bran, ton. 31.50 to 32.00
Barley, ton. 33.00 to 34.00
Scratch feed, ton. 42.00 to 43.00

The Territorial Marketing Division is under supervision of the U. S. Experiment Station, and is at the service of all citizens of the Territory. Any produce which farmers may send to the Marketing Division is sold at the best obtainable price. A marketing charge of five per cent is made. It is highly desirable that farmers notify the Marketing Division what and how much produce they have for sale and about when it will be ready to ship. The shipping mark of the Division is S. S. E. S. Letter address: Honolulu, P. O. Box 1237. Salesroom, Ewa corner Nuuanu and Queen streets. Telephone 1840. Wireless address, TERMARK.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

November 5, 1915.

In order to protect poultrymen who are putting out a superior grade of eggs, we are now quoting three different grades. The wholesale price of select Oahu eggs is 65¢ a dozen, No. 1 Island eggs 60¢ and 2d class eggs, 30¢ to 55¢ a doz. The retail price is 10¢ a dozen above the wholesale price for each grade. Customers buying select Oahu eggs should insist that they be not more than three days old and have the name of the producer written or stamped thereon. They should also see that they weigh at least 24 ounces to the dozen. No. 1 Island eggs are good fresh eggs but more than three days old.

There will be a meeting of Oahu Poultrymen at the office of the Superintendent of the Territorial Marketing Division, Maunakea street, near Queen, on Friday November 12, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of further discussing the poultry and egg situation.

Good fat poultry of all classes, except Muscovy ducks are in great demand and prices are good. The consumption of Muscovy ducks is increasing but has not yet caught up with the production. The Division has large quantities on hand which are being sold at a very low price.

The price of Island corn is low, and the Division is still holding several tons. Unless conditions improve during the coming week the corn will be sold at the best price obtainable.

Island pineapples are hard to sell at this time, due to competition with large quantities of pineapples received from the Orient.

The dressed meat market remains about the same, but live hogs dropped a little during the week.

Mainland shipments are increasing in the variety of the articles shipped. By the steamer this week there was shipped 1149 crates of pineapples, 10 crates Japanese taro, 5 crates water lily roots, 250 bags of rice, 59 bunches bananas and a few bags of coconuts as samples. The returns from one lot of bananas shipped to San Francisco noted the grower 70¢ a bunch. These bunches were large having eight hands or more. Smaller bunches bring proportionately less, while the freight is just as high.

Reports from the mainland indicate that pineapples are bringing a better price. A great many pineapples are being sold through express companies who are advertising pineapples in every town of any importance throughout the United States.

Due to the fact that there is an over supply of Island rice an outlet is being found on the coast for a few thousand bags. The price is not as high as it should be owing to a large quantity of Honduras rice being produced. San Francisco dealers also claim that there is too high a percentage of broken kernels in Hawaiian milled rice.

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Bryan!

IF any one thing more were needed to make the preparedness program of the President popular amongst thinking people, William Jennings Bryan has supplied it by his opposition. If anything more than is known were needed to give cause for congratulation that the "Peerless One" is out of the department of state, it is the concentrated piffle he is now indulging in regarding peace and war.

Bryan has exhibited himself as such an egregious ass for the past two years that he was hardly expected to add to his reputation in that line. But he has done it.

And the worst of it all is that there are "pork barrellers" ready to applaud his mushy vapors because it suits their own scheming purposes and others who will echo the words of the Commoner because they have never been provided with anything to think with.

Even the coronation of the Mikado is not proceeding with all the smoothness and despatch desirable, so the charter conventionists and the directors of the Mid-Pacific Carnival need not feel so very badly. In Kyoto, it appears, Count Otani Koei, once abbot of the Honwanji Buddhists, who visited in Honolulu a few years ago, declines to attend the coronation for two reasons. One is that he has been notified to dress as a peer and not as an abbot, and the other is that his seat in the ceremonial hall is below those of the members of the diet, and not, where he thinks it should be, above those seats. Which shows that there are others in every part of the world and in all religions.

Don't be too sure that La Follette will be unable to drive Roosevelt from the Progressive party. He has done much bigger driving than that, says the Kansas City Journal. He drove the American flag from the Pacific ocean.

CHIHUAHUA MOB

SACKS BIG CITY

Buildings Are Looted And Burned
And Consulate of Germany
Is Raided

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN ANTONIO, November 9.—A mob composed of Villistas, civilians and women of Chihuahua, has made a destructive raid there, burning and looting several buildings, according to a statement given out by the Carranza consulate here yesterday. One of the buildings raided was the German consulate.

The consulate was the first building attacked. The counsel made vigorous protests, but they were not heeded and the consulate was ransacked, but not burned. Then the mob raided the market house and after looting it of all supplies applied the torch and destroyed it. The consular agency then was visited and looted.

Following this the Villa commanders levied a tax on merchants amounting to \$100,000 in Mexican gold. The money was desired, the commanders said, to pay the soldiers. The rioting, the commanders said, was induced by their failure to pay their men.

General Funston, in command of the border troops, is en route to Nogales, where it is reported that the Villistas are ready to join the Carranza forces. Villa is en route to Nogales from Naco.

NOTICE OF BERETANIA

WORK WILL BE POSTED

City Clerk Kalaoukalanai was busy yesterday arranging for notices relative to the Beretania improvement district being posted in accordance with the law on the matter. The notices, which amount nearly 100, will be posted on telephone and electric light poles.

The notices, which are addressed to whom it may concern, call attention to the fact that a resolution has been adopted by the board of supervisors, providing for the curbing and sidewalk of property along Beretania street, between Alapai and Punahou streets.

The attention of property owners is called to the fact that they are required by law to put in curbing on their property, and to the fact that unless they do so within sixty days from the date of notice, the city will proceed to construct curb and sidewalk at the expense of the owners of abutting property.

ARMY NOTES

The body of Sgt. George R. Riley, 104th Company, Coast Artillery, who recently killed himself, was taken by the transport Logan Saturday en route to the mainland. The funeral service was conducted Friday at the armory, the company of which he had been a member, attending.

Capt. Jack Hayes has been transferred from the First Infantry to the depot quartermaster's headquarters in Hotel street, as assistant quartermaster. He succeeds Capt. Ralph H. Lister, who sailed for the mainland in the Logan Saturday.

The Logan also carried the body of Lieut. Carl E. Fosnes, of the First Infantry, who recently committed suicide.

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FORT SHAFTER IS
FLOODED BY RAIN.
MORE PREDICTED

Falling Barometer Last Night Indicates Continuance of Heavy Pour For Today

HONOLULU'S MAXIMUM
COMES IN THE EVENING

Kalihi Valley Has Hardest In
Afternoon, When Little
Stream Is Torrent

Fort Shafter was flooded by a violent rainstorm yesterday afternoon. There were heavy rains elsewhere on Oahu, but nothing was reported so severe as that of Kalihi valley. In Honolulu the gauge of the United States weather office in the Young building showed .16 in ten minutes, from eight-forty-five to eight-fifty-five o'clock last night. This is more than one-tenth the whole precipitation of October.

A falling barometer last night indicated more rain today.

Fifty Feet Wide

A violent rain storm, one of the worst Fort Shafter has seen, descended upon Kalihi Valley about two thirty yesterday afternoon. The storm practically was a cloud-burst and flooded the post and vicinity. The little stream in the gulch between the main post and the cantonment became a torrent six to eight feet deep and in places fifty feet wide.

First to go was the foot bridge over the stream. This was carried about thirty feet down-stream and landed on some of the boulders. The concrete bridge near the stone-crusher was under ten inches of water at the top of the coping, giving about three feet of water above the road level. It is not known whether the new electric pump in the gulch has been badly damaged; fortunately the steam pump has just been repaired, so that there is no immediate danger of a water shortage. Cantonment Cut Off

Many families were separated by the flood, some members being in the main post while others were in the cantonment, which was for a while cut off entirely from the main post. The bus of the Rapid Transit Company was unable to go through the gulch, as it was feared that the concrete road bridge was undermined and unsafe for so heavy a vehicle; for the rest of the afternoon the terminals of the bus was the headquarters building. About five o'clock the waters subsided enough for the quartermaster to start running the old bus drawn by the mules, and the marooned ones were able to return to their homes.

Many of the buildings in the cantonment were flooded, and considerable damage was done. The sewers were unable to carry off the unusual amount of water and became clogged up, bringing the refuse to the surface and distributing it over the ground. Fortunately, before darkness came, the rain had moderated to such an extent that the sewers were able to take care of the flow, thus doing away with the danger of causing an epidemic of sickness. The money value of the damage cannot be estimated for a few days, but it will amount to a considerable sum.

The aerodrome was put out of business by the flood and the program scheduled for last night had to be postponed.

16 Inches In Ten Minutes

Andrew M. Hamrick, meteorologist, said that there was a precipitation of .16 inches in ten minutes, from eight-forty-five o'clock to eight-fifty-five last night; .28 inches in forty minutes, beginning at eight-forty-five, and .33 inches from eight o'clock to nine-forty-five. Yesterday's rain in Honolulu was heavier in the evening, as the fall between eight o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock last evening was only .14 inches. The maximum to minutes' fall for October was .09; for September .16.

The fall for the first eight days of November, up to last night, was 1.78 inches. The fall for October, was 1.44; the mean for October is 1.80; the mean for the first eight days of November is 1.02. The mean for November is 1.40; and, during this month, the average temperature is 2.10 degrees cooler than that of October.

FOUR HUNDRED MEN
ENLISTED ON KAUAI

Four hundred men have been enlisted in the National Guard of Hawaii on Kauai by Col. Samuel I. Johnson, adjutant general, according to a wireless received here from the colonel yesterday. He requested despatch of more enlistment blanks and these have been forwarded. The third regiment of guardsmen is now assured, according to the wireless.

CULLEN AND CASH WILL
BE TRIED WITHOUT JURY

Sylvester Cullen and Charles Cash, under two charges each of assault and battery on Mrs. Margaret Riedel and her husband, Hans F. Riedel, waived yesterday trial before a jury and will be tried on Saturday morning at nine o'clock before Circuit Judge Ashford. Cash has already pleaded not guilty, but Cullen's plea has not been entered yet.

HANA PEOPLE SEE 'F' BOATS

The people of Hana had their first glimpse of Uncle Sam's under-sea fighters when three F-class submarines passed close by the Maui port on their way to the Coast.